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FULTON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BALTIMORE CITY, MD

Built between 1901-14, this is a handsome Romanesque Revival church on a prominent corner of Fulton Avenue. It is noted for its large three-story tower placed at the intersection of cross-gabled arms. Access is restricted to times when the church is open.

**D INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES FORM
SANDTOWN-WINCHESTER SURVEY**

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name of Property

historic name Fulton Avenue Presbyterian Church

other names/site number Mt. Pisgah Christian Episcopal Church/ B-4438

2. Location

street & number 1034 Fulton Ave.

not for publication __

city or town Baltimore

vicinity N/A

state Maryland

code MD

county

Baltimore City

code 510

zip code 21217

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

. National Park Service Certification

N/A

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing

1

Noncontributing

_____ buildings

_____ sites

_____ structures

_____ objects

_____ Total

1

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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: RELIGION

Sub: Religious Facility

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: RELIGION

Sub: Religious Facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Romanesque

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation granite/gneiss

roof slate

walls granite/gneiss

other sandstone

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Religion

Community Planning and Development

Ethnic Heritage

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Period of Significance 1901-40

Significant Dates 1901-14

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Maps

Bromley, G.W. and Co. Atlas of the City of Baltimore, Vol. 1. Philadelphia: 1885, 1896.

Hopkins, G.M. Map of the City of Baltimore, Maryland. 1876, 1877.

Sanborn Map Company. Insurance Maps, Baltimore, Maryland, Vols. 2,3, and 7. New York: 1890, 1901, 1914, 1928.

Simmons, Isaac. 1852 Revision of the Thomas H. Poppleton Map. Baltimore: 1852.

See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 6' x 96'

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UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	—	—	—	3	—	—
2	—	—	—	4	—	—

— See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Block 59, Lot 18

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries are based on a city lot(s) retaining original property lines.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Robinson & Associates date July 1992
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city or town Washington state DC zip code 20009

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Mt. Pisgah Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
street&number 1034 Fulton Ave. telephone
city or town Baltimore state MD zip code 21217

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Fulton Avenue Presbyterian Church
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HISTORIC CONTEXT

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape
Architecture, and Community Planning; Religion;
Social/Education/Cultural

Resource Type:

Category: building(s)

Historic Environment: urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): religion

Known Design Source: none

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DESCRIPTION

This freestanding Romanesque Revival church constructed c.1901-14 is a prominent landmark along the Fulton Avenue corridor. It is a weighty edifice, constructed of a dark-hued stone laid in large, rusticated ashlar courses. Standing at the southwest corner of Fulton and Riggs, it is noted for its large three-story tower placed at the intersection of cross-gabled arms. The tower acts as a powerful anchor for the building. It is capped with a pyramidal roof and has four finials rising from its corners.

The church is built of rusticated ashlar stone, with contrasting dressed-stone trim around doors and windows forming a watertable, beltcourses, and coping. The north and east elevations have gable walls. At the edges of these gabled volumes are small square towers capped with pyramidal roofs. Along Riggs Road west of Fulton is a three-bay rear section. There are two separate entrances in the base of the tower.

A group of three windows (the central window larger and set higher than the two flanking windows) dominates each facade, with a much smaller set of triplet windows set in the gable above. All windows are round-arched.

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SIGNIFICANCE

Constructed between 1901 and 1914, this impressive stone structure began as a Presbyterian church located on a prominent city thoroughfare. It was one of two churches in this upper portion of Fulton Avenue, then a formal landscaped boulevard of relatively affluent white residents. Like the Lafayette Square Presbyterian Church, this structure shows the Presbyterian Church's ability to construct substantial buildings in locations of some stature.

The congregation's history on this location dates to the period between 1885 to 1901, when a one-story church stood on the site. Pastor A. H. Kleffman, who came to the church in 1917, appealed to his congregation to become missionaries. This appeal was characteristic of Presbyterians, who engaged in educational and missionary activities.

The church was listed at the 1034 Fulton address in the 1930 City Directory. Residents of Fulton Avenue at that time were employed in merchandising and professional fields, and included a physician, grocer, furniture manufacturer, tailor, chemist, and undertaker.

The second church to occupy the building was the Rehoboth Pentecostal Church.¹

In 1954, the church was purchased by its current owner, Mt. Pisgah Christian Episcopal Church, an African American congregation. The congregation removed a radiator from a wall of the Dining Room and discovered a tunnel leading out from the wall. The congregation is unsure where the tunnel leads or what its purpose was.

¹ Although we were told that this church now operates at Baker and Longwood Streets, attempts to locate the church proved unsuccessful.

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Interview: Bernice Johnson, Mt. Pisgah Christian Episcopal Church

Vertical File, Enoch Pratt Free Library: Fulton Avenue Presbyterian Church.

SANDTOWN-WINCHESTER/PENN-NORTH
RECONNAISSANCE-LEVEL SURVEY FORM

Survey No. B-4438

Neg. No. 3/30, 31

Historic Name Fulton Avenue Presbyterian Church

Current Name/Use Mt. Pisgah Christian Episcopal Church

Address(es) 1034 Fulton Avenue

Resource/Property Type

☐ Rowhouses
☐ Commercial Structure
☒ Public/Institutional Building
☐ Public Housing
☐ Site
☐ Other

☐ Attached

☒ Freestanding

Note: _____

Stories 1 + B

Primary Material granite Secondary Material sandstone

Roof Form cross gable

No. of Bays in Unit/Facade 5 If Rowhouse: ☐ Flat Front ☐ Swell Front ☐ Porch

Window Type: ☐ Double-Hung

☐ 1/1 Sash

☐ 2/2 Sash

☐ 2/1 Sash

☐ Other Sash

☐ Transom

Door Type: ☐ Single-Leaf

☒ Double-Leaf

☐ Number of panels (if visible)

☐ Transom

Architectural Style Romanesque Revival Date c. 1901-14

Noteworthy Features: Three-story tower with pyramidal roof set at corner of intersection, contains entrances from both streets. Large and small stained glass triplet windows in both street facades. Smaller blocks capped with pyramidal, other roof forms flank main church block. Rusticated ashlar granite masonry with contrasting dressed sandstone trim.

Alterations:

☐ Formstone

☐ Vinyl/Aluminum

☐ Awnings

☐ First-Floor Use Change

☐ Stucco

☐ Window/Door Changes

☐ Missing Cornice Elements

☐ Other: _____

Status: ☒ Occupied ☐ Vacant ☐ Mixed

NR Evaluation: ☒ Contributing ☐ Non-Contributing

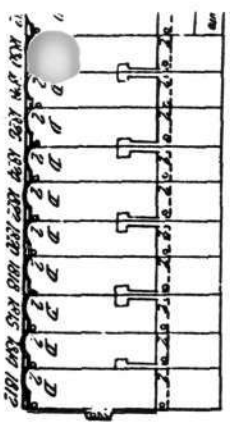
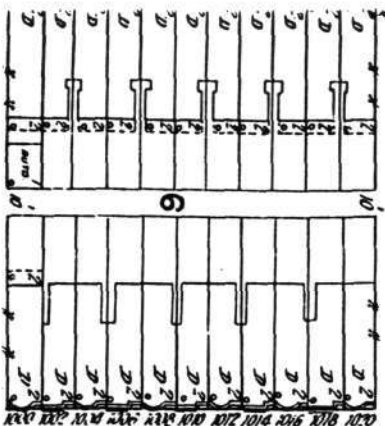
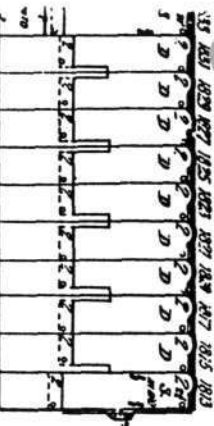
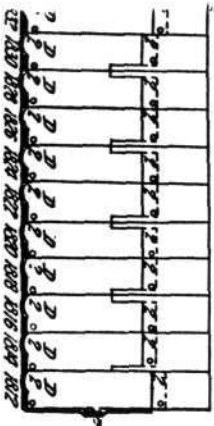
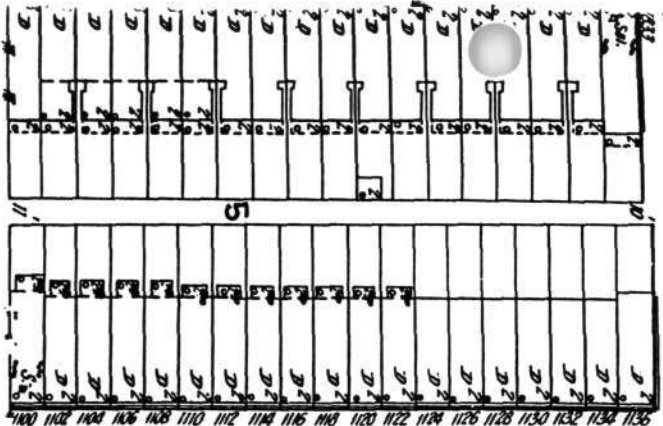
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Surveyor: Joey Lampl

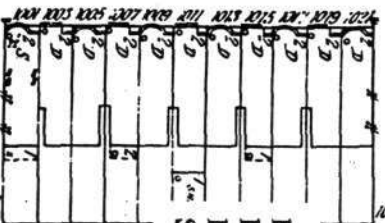
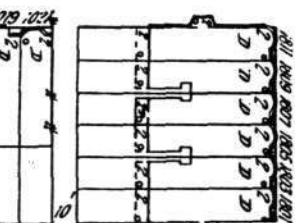
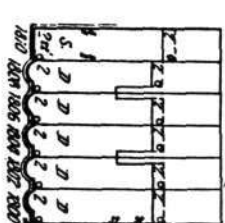
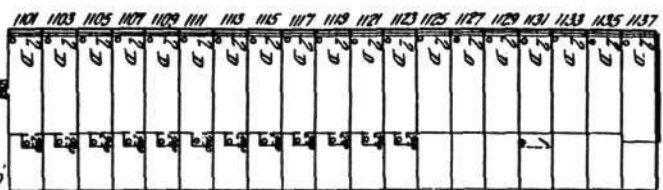
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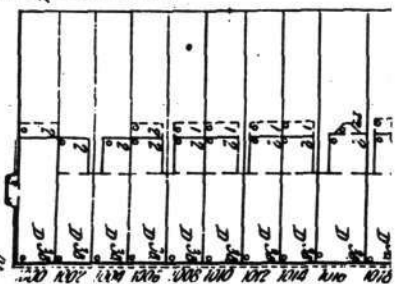
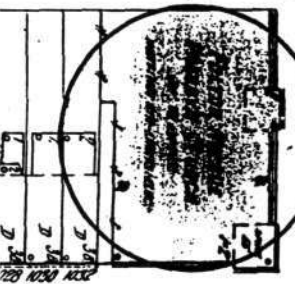
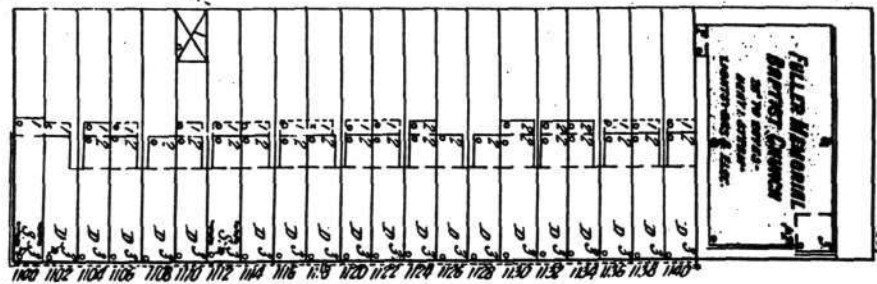
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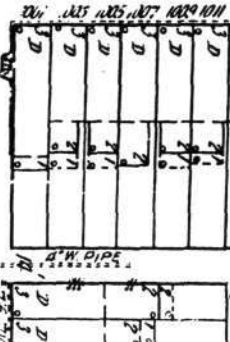
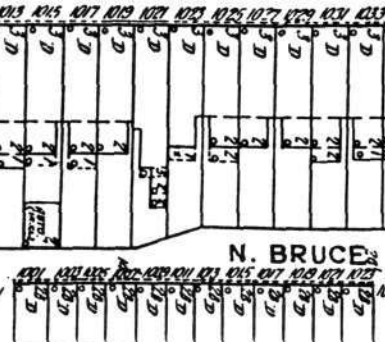
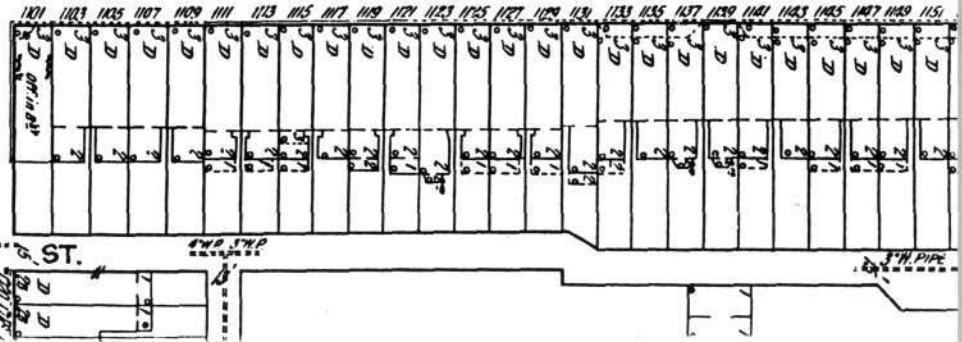
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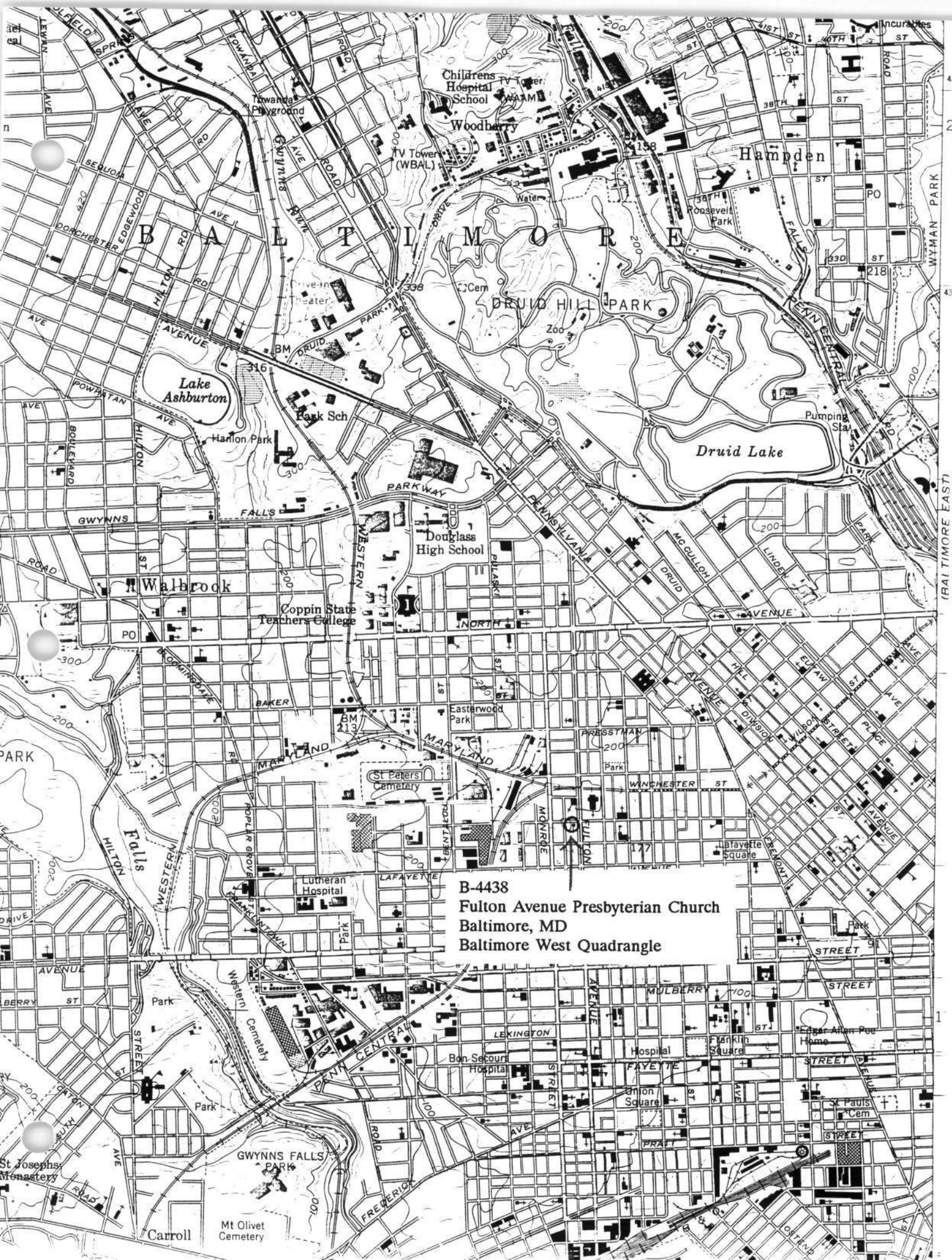
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Fulton Avenue Presbyterian Church
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Sanborn Map, 1914

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Scale of Feet

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0" W. PIPE





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FULTON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (HISTORIC)

1034 FULTON AVE. (at RIGGS)

EAST ELEVATION

ROLL 3/NIG 31

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